

Special Meeting/ Public Hearing

Board of Trustees

Coast Community College District

1370 Adams Avenue, Costa Mesa, CA 92626

Tuesday, October 3, 2017

5:00 p.m.

MINUTES*

A Special Meeting/ Public Hearing of the Board of Trustees of the Coast Community College District was held on October 3, 2017 at the Coast Community College District located at 1370 Adams Avenue, Costa Mesa, CA.

1.01 Call to Order

Board President Grant called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

1.02 Roll Call

Trustees Present: Trustees Grant, Hornbuckle, Prinsky, Patterson, Moreno and Student Trustee Venegas

Trustees Absent: None

1.03 Pledge of Allegiance

Board President Grant led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1.04 Final Public Hearing Pursuant to Elections Code § 10010(a) to Receive Input from the Public Regarding Draft Trustee Area Maps for Proposed By-Trustee Area Elections

Board President Grant opened the Public Hearing at 5:08 p.m., stating that this was the final public hearing, pursuant to the Election Code, to receive input from the public regarding draft trustee area maps for proposed by-trustee elections.

Marguerite Leoni gave a brief overview of the process. On July 19, 2017 the Board had passed a resolution of intention to transition its method of election from an at-large method to a method whereas elections occurred within the Trustee areas, a By-Trustee method. Public hearings were held on the potential composition of Trustee areas on August 2, 2017 and August 16, 2017. Trustee area maps were then drafted

by consultant, Dr. Justin Levitt, and those were published in accordance with law. Hearings were held on those maps on September 12, 2017 and September 16, 2017.

Suggestions were taken from the public for changes to the maps, and suggestions were also made by Board members. The final set of maps was published in accordance with law on September 26, 2017. After the Public Hearing, the Board would open a Public Meeting and take action pursuant to the Resolution, and Ms. Leoni stated that this action would be presented for approval to the Board of Governors.

Dr. Levitt gave an update to the Board on the additional maps that had been prepared based on the motions and requests at the last Public Hearing: 7 Trustee Areas Maps 3B, 4A, 4B and 4C.

Jamie Blair, Britt Dowdy, Lee Gordon, Rob Schneiderman, Diana Carey, Trung Ta, Jamison Power, Mai Khanh Tran, Ryan Nguyen, Bach Vo, and Vong Xavier Nguyen addressed the Board. Ms. Blair indicated she felt it would be better to allow more time before decisions were made, noting that if the Board decided to move to a seven-member board, it should be in 2020 not 2018. Dr. Dowdy also requested that the Board consider taking additional time and extra steps to make the public aware of changes being considered. Mr. Gordon spoke in support of moving to election districts. Mr. Schneiderman stated he felt that the Board should take more time to reach out to the community. Ms. Carey expressed support for moving to by-area trustee elections, and increasing the Board to seven trustees, supporting Map 7 Trustee Areas, Draft 3A. Mr. Ta shared his support of Map 7 Trustee Areas, Draft 3A and Resolution 17-29, increasing the Board to seven Trustees. Mr. Power spoke in favor of expanding the Board to seven Trustees. Dr. Tran spoke in favor of increasing the Board to seven Trustees and not to wait. Mr. Ryan Nguyen expressed his support for Map 7 Trustee Areas, Draft 4B. Mr. Vo expressed support of Map 7 Trustee Areas, Draft 4B. Mr. Vong Xavier Nguyen expressed support for Map 7 Trustee Areas, Draft 4B, or as a second choice, the original Map 7 Trustee Areas, Draft 4.

After Trustees' comments, Board President Grant closed the Public Hearing at 6:01 p.m.

- 1.05 Discussion of and Potential Action on a Resolution Changing the District's Method of Election from an At-Large Method of Election to a By-Trustee Area Method of Election in Accordance With Elections Code § 10010 and Education Code § 72036, Potentially Increasing the Number of Members of the Board of Trustees From Five to Seven in Accordance With Education Code § 72036, and Adopting a Trustee Area Map and Election Sequencing Plan for Use in By-Trustee Area Elections Commencing With the Next Regular Election for Trustees in November 2018 in Accordance with Elections Code § 10010 and Education Code § 72036.**

Vong Xavier Nguyen addressed the Board, expressed his support for seven Trustee areas in 2018.

Trustee Patterson made a motion, seconded by Trustee Moreno to adopt Resolution 17-29 with paragraph 4 reading "The Board of Trustees hereby adopts the Trustee Area Map identified as Map 7 Draft 4".

Trustee Hornbuckle opposed the motion, and offered a substitute motion that was seconded by Trustee Prinsky, to approve Resolution 17-28 as written, with the map identified as Map 1: Current Trustee Areas.

Trustee Patterson proposed an amendment to the substitute motion to delete the existing paragraph 5 of the Resolution and replace it with "The Board shall, in the future, pursuant to Education Code Section 720369(c), increase the number of members of the Board of Trustees from five to seven, and take all necessary action to make that change in time for the 2020 election for members of the Board of Trustees."

Mike Phi, Tring Ta, Britt Dowdy and Rob Schneiderman addressed the Board. Mr. Phi expressed his support of a seven Trustee Board. Mr. Ta also spoke in support of going to seven Trustees immediately. Dr. Dowdy supported going to a seven Trustee Board, but felt there had not been sufficient time to review the proposed maps. Mr. Schneiderman spoke in support of seven Trustees and obtaining more input from community groups.

After further discussion, on a motion by Trustee Hornbuckle, seconded by Trustee Prinsky, the Board voted to place Trustee Hornbuckle's substitute motion on the table.

The motion passed with the following vote:

Ayes:	Trustees Grant, Hornbuckle, and Prinsky
Noes:	Trustees Moreno, Patterson and Venegas
Absent:	None
Abstain:	None

On a motion by Trustee Hornbuckle, seconded by Trustee Prinsky, the Board voted to adopt Trustee Hornbuckle's substitute motion approving Resolution 17-28 with the map identified as Map 1: Current Trustee Areas, with one amendment to paragraph 5 as follows: "The Board shall continue to consider, pursuant to Education Code 72036(c), increasing the number of members of the Board of Trustees from five to seven, and make that determination in time for the 2020 election for members of the Board of Trustees".

The motion passed with the following vote:

Ayes: Trustees Grant, Hornbuckle, Prinsky and Venegas
Noes: Trustees Moreno and Patterson
Absent: None
Abstain: None

Vong Xavier Nguyen addressed the Board expressing the hope that committees could be made to ensure an equal and fair voice for each Board member.

It was requested that the Chancellor schedule a meeting for the Board to review the maps and make plans to proceed.

1.06 Adjournment

On a motion by Trustee Grant, seconded by Trustee Prinsky, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 6:51 p.m. in memory of the people injured and killed in Las Vegas.

Motion carried with the following vote:

Ayes: Trustees Grant, Hornbuckle, Prinsky, Patterson, Moreno and Venegas
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None



Jane Burton
Interim Secretary of the Board

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